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## **List of Claims**

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Claims 1 - 14 Cancelled

15. (New) A method of baking a rye product free of leavening acidulants, comprising:

preparing a dough of ground grain products at least 50% by weight of which is a ground rye flour;

adding external yeast to the dough;

curing the dough prior to baking for activating enzymes inherent in the flour for one of three hours at 37° C, more than 12 hours at 20° C and up to 36 hours at 6 to 8° C;

adding to the dough at least .5% by weight of shortening relative to the ground grain products; and

bringing the pH value of the dough to at least 4.7.

- 16. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the shortening is oil and is added in an amount of from about 2 to about 3 by weight.
- 17. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of preparing a starter dough.
- 18. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the pH value of the baked product is 6.
- 19. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein rye flour is used having a degree of fineness of from 75% to 80% by weight.

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- 20. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of adding to the dough hemicellulases from about .005 to about .015% by based on the ground rye product for improved dough curing.
- 21. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the rye product is ciabatta, comprising the steps of:

making a starter dough by mixing in a spiral kneader 4.5 kg of rye flour T 815 (50% by weight of the rye flour proportion), 22.5 g yeast (.5% by weight of the amount of rye flour in the starter dough) and 3.6 kg of water;

after the starter dough has rested for 14 hour at room temperature, making and adding thereto a dough of a temperature of substantially 25° C by mixing in a spiral kneader comprising 4.5 kg rye flour, 1 kg high protein content wheat flour, 327.5 g baking yeast, 220 g salt, 400 g olive oil and 3.6 kg water;

after a rest time of 2 hours dividing the dough into pieces of desired size, storing the pieces for 10 to 15 minutes at a temperature of 32° C and relative humidity of 78% prior to baking for 20 to 22 minutes at 250° to 260° C and normal addition of water vapor.

22. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the rye product is boxed bread, comprising the steps of:

making a starter dough by mixing in a spiral kneader 4.5 kg of rye flour T 815 (50% by weight of the rye flour proportion), 22.5 g yeast (.5% by weight of the amount of rye flour in the starter dough) and 3.6 kg of water;

after leaving the starter dough at rest for 20 hours, adding to 8.85 kg of the starter dough by mixing in a spiral kneader 4.5 kg rye flour, 1 kg high protein content wheat flour, 77.5 g yeast, 300 g olive oil, 220 g salt, 3.58 kg water and .001 g of hemicellulase of a minimum activity of 555 UxylHg-1; and

dividing the resultant dough into pieces of desired size, leaving them for 100 to 120 minutes at a temperature of 32° C and 78% relative humidity before

baking for 70 minutes at a constant temperature of 23° C with substantial addition of water vapor.

23. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the rye product is rye bread sticks, comprising the steps of:

making a dough from 9 kg of rye flour T 815 or T 997, 1 kg wheat flour T 550, 400 g olive oil, 250 g yeast, 220 g salt and 7 kg water by kneading for 6 minutes in a spiral kneader; and

after a rest time of 20 to 24 hours at a temperature of 6° C forming elongated and round pieces of dough, leaving the pieces of dough for one hour at a temperature of 32° C and 78% relative humidity before baking them for 35 to 40 minutes at a temperature of 240° C and substantial water vapor addition.

24. (New) The method of claim 23, further comprising the step of:

instead of adding yeast to the dough, making a starter dough comprising 20% of the quantity of rye flour and water at a ratio of 1:1 and leaving it for 20 hours at 30° C.

25. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the rye product is rye toast bread, comprising the steps of:

making a starter dough by mixing in a spiral kneader 4 kg rye flour T 815 (50 by weight of the rye flour proportion), 20 g yeast (.5% by weight of the rye flour) and 3.5 kg water;

after a rest period of the starter dough for 15 hours at room temperature, making, by mixing in a spiral kneader, and adding to the starter dough a dough at 26° C from 4 kg rye flour, 2 kg high protein content wheat flour, 400 g olive oil, 180 g yeast, 200 g milk powder, 200 g sugar, 200 g salt, 100 g of baking agent containing pentosanase and 3.5 kg water and storing it at room temperature for 19 minutes; and

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forming and flattening substantially round pieces of dough and baking them for 35 to 40 minutes at 220° C after a rest period of 60 minutes at 32° C and 78% relative humidity.

26. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the rye product is rye stollen, comprising the steps of:

making a starter dough from 5 kg rye flour T 815, 25 g yeast and 4 kg water and leaving it at rest at room temperature for 15 to 20 hours;

separately making, and leaving at room temperature for 16 hours, a fruit compound from 1.5 kg chopped almonds, 8.3 kg sultanas, 1.4 kg citron, 300 g candied orange peal, 150 g bitter almond flavoring, 150 g lemon peal paste and 400 g brandy;

making a stollen dough from 18 kg of starter dough to which is added 5 kg rye flour T 815, 4.6 kg butter, 1.5 kg sugar, 250 g whole milk powder, 1.2 kg yeast and the fruit compound;

leaving the stollen dough at rest at room temperature for 20 minutes; separating the dough into pieces of desired size and leaving them at rest at room temperature for 20 minutes;

placing the pieces in to stollen forms; and

baking the pieces at an initial temperature of 200° C gradually reduced to 180° C.

27. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the rye product is a rye brioche, comprising the steps of:

making a starter dough by mixing in a spiral kneader 4.5 kg rye flour T 815 (50 by weight of the rye flour proportion), 22.5 g yeast (.5% by weight of the rye flour proportion in the starter dough) and 3.6 kg water;

leaving the starter dough at rest for up to 20 hours; adding to the starter dough, by mixing in a spiral kneader for 5 minutes,

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4.25 kg rye flour, 1.5 kg high protein content wheat flour, 280 g yeast, 400 g olive oil, 200 g milk powder, 200 g sugar, 180 g salt and 3.35 kg water and, optionally, spices and/or dried fruit;

leaving the dough at a temperature of 26° C at rest for 2 hours;

separating and forming the dough into rounded pieces of 600 g or 880 g, leaving the pieces at rest for 10 to 15 minutes at 32° C and 78 relative humidity before baking them for 20 to 30 minutes at initially 250° C reducing to 220° C at a normal addition of water vapor.